**Development of tourism in Manipur**

615. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the plan submitted by the Government of Manipur to the Central Government for its approval and assistance for the development of tourism sector in Manipur during the last three years; and

(b) the necessary steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Central financial assistance is provided to State Governments / UT Administrations including Government of Manipur for projects prioritized in consultation with them every year.

(b) Thirty six projects with Central financial component of Rs. 1152.26 lakhs have been sanctioned in Manipur during the last three years.

**Flood and irrigation problems**

616. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any special steps to solve the annual rituals like flood and irrigation problems in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOY CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (c) Irrigation, including flood control and drainage, being a State subject the responsibility of planning funding executing and operating of Irrigation and Flood Control Schemes primarily rests with the concerned State Government. The assistance rendered by the Central Government is technical, catalytic and promotional in nature.

As regards floods, Ganga Flood Commission (GFCC) constituted by the Central Government in 1972 had prepared comprehensive plans for flood management for all the 23 river systems of Ganga basin. Similarly, the Brahmaputra Board constituted in 1982 has prepared Master Plans for the Brahmaputra and Barak rivers. These report/Master plan have been forwarded